

Amendments to the specification:

On page 1, line 6, please amend the heading as follows:

Prior Art Background of the Invention

On page 2, line 8, please amend the heading as follows:

Advantages Summary of the Invention

On page 2, please amend the paragraphs contained in lines 10-25 as follows:

The electric machine according to the invention, ~~with the defining characteristics of the first independent claim,~~ has the advantage that moving the electrical connection between the winding ends of the stator winding and the rectifier to a position underneath the voltage regulator assembly enables, for purposes of cooling the rectifier, a larger flow cross-section, permitting a greater volumetric flow through the rectifier. As a result, the rectifier is better cooled, which allows greater demand to be placed on the electric machine as a whole.

~~The steps taken in the dependent claims permit advantageous modifications of the electric machine as recited in the first independent claim.~~ If the electrical connection is partially situated between the stator winding and a generator end plate and is in addition, advantageously placed beneath a support, then on the one hand, the stator with the electrical connection can be inserted

into the generator end plate with particular ease because there are no obstacles. The placement beneath a support also makes it possible to achieve a vibration-absorbing embodiment.

On page 5, line 10, please amend the heading as follows:

Brief Description of the Drawings

On page 5, line 30, please amend the heading as follows:

Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiments

On page 18, please amend the abstract of the disclosure as follows:

Abstract of the Disclosure

An electric machine, in particular an alternator for motor vehicles, includes having a stator (16), which supports a stator winding (18) that has winding ends (78), having a voltage regulator assembly (65), and having a rectifier. The electrical connection between the winding ends (78) and the rectifier is situated underneath the voltage regulator assembly (65). A stator for an electric machine, in particular for an alternator for motor vehicles, includes having a stator (16), which supports a stator winding (18) that has winding ends (78). The winding ends (78) are connected to an additional conductor element (80), which joins a plurality of individual wires of the winding ends (78) together by means of a clamp-like junction region (81) and is embodied in the form of a sheet metal part.

(Fig. 4)